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MEXICO RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FUNDS TWO LOCAL PROJECTS

Greg Branum, USDA Rural Development State Director for Missouri, announced on August 9, 2005, a Mock Check Ceremony was held at City Hall in Laddonia, MO for two Laddonia projects. USDA Rural Development presented the City of Laddonia with a mock check for \$2,000,000. The financing will help the City of Laddonia with improvements and repairs to their sewer system.

"These dollars are important to the rural community of Laddonia, and the State of Missouri," said Kenny Hulshof, U.S. Congressman. "Not only are they vital to creating conditions for economic growth, but they also help better Missouri communities. I am grateful for the work of the USDA staff and I look forward to continuing our work on behalf of Missourians."

In addition, a mock check was presented to Laddonia-Rural Fire Protection Association. USDA Rural Development presented the Fire Protection Association with a mock check for \$10,685 to assist with the purchase and installation of a storm warning siren.



Pictured l-r are : Ken Woods, MECO Engineering, Councilmen Jack Garnett and Wayne Todd, Congressman Hulshof, Mayor Charles Heim, Rural Development State Director Greg Branum

"Our first-responders are asked to perform a variety of tasks, usually under very difficult circumstances," said Ninth District Congressman Kenny Hulshof. "It's imperative that they have the necessary tools and facilities to do the job. I am grateful for the work of USDA and I am pleased that they have supported these worthy projects."

"This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities," said Branum. "Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Kenny Hulshof for making available federal monies for funding these kinds of projects providing essential services for the community."

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